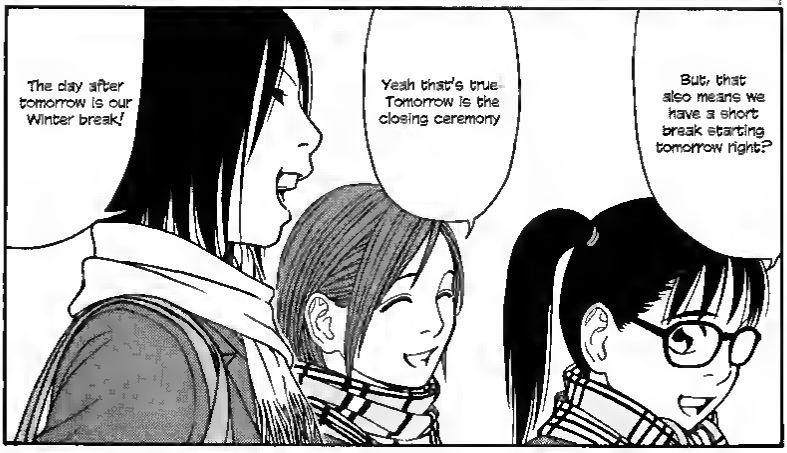
It's hell when we commute to school.
Yup--
Hasn't it been getting colder in the mornings---?
December --
Chapter 63
Temporary part time job
HOBO-1


The day after tomorrow is our Winter break!
Yeah that's true. Tomorrow is the closing ceremony
But, that also means we have a short break starting tomorrow right?

GET SET GO!
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LAST DASH FIVE LAPS!
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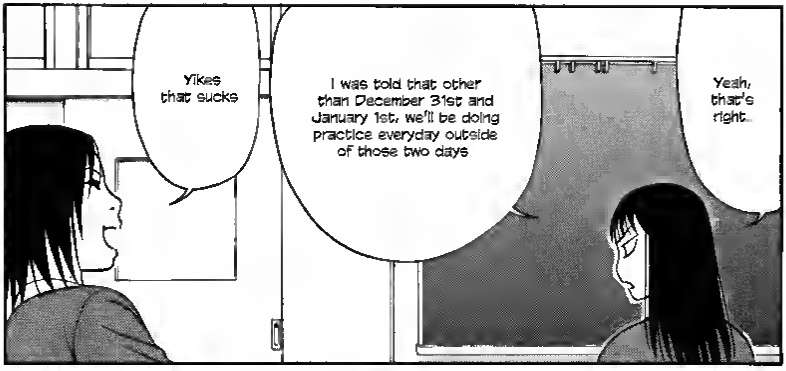
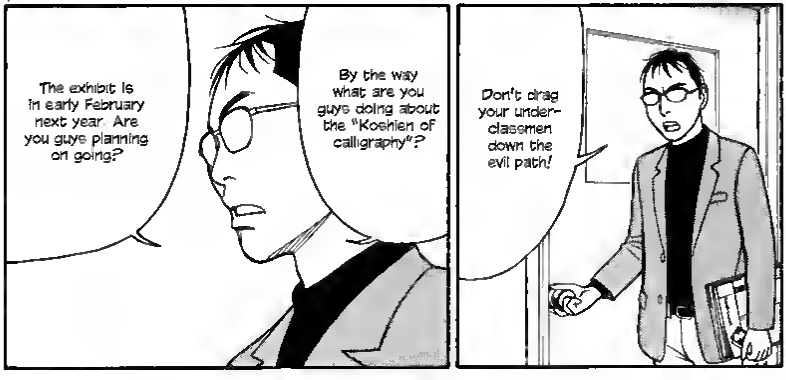
She's really something else...
She's faster than the boys...
Mochizuki-san is doing her morning judo training

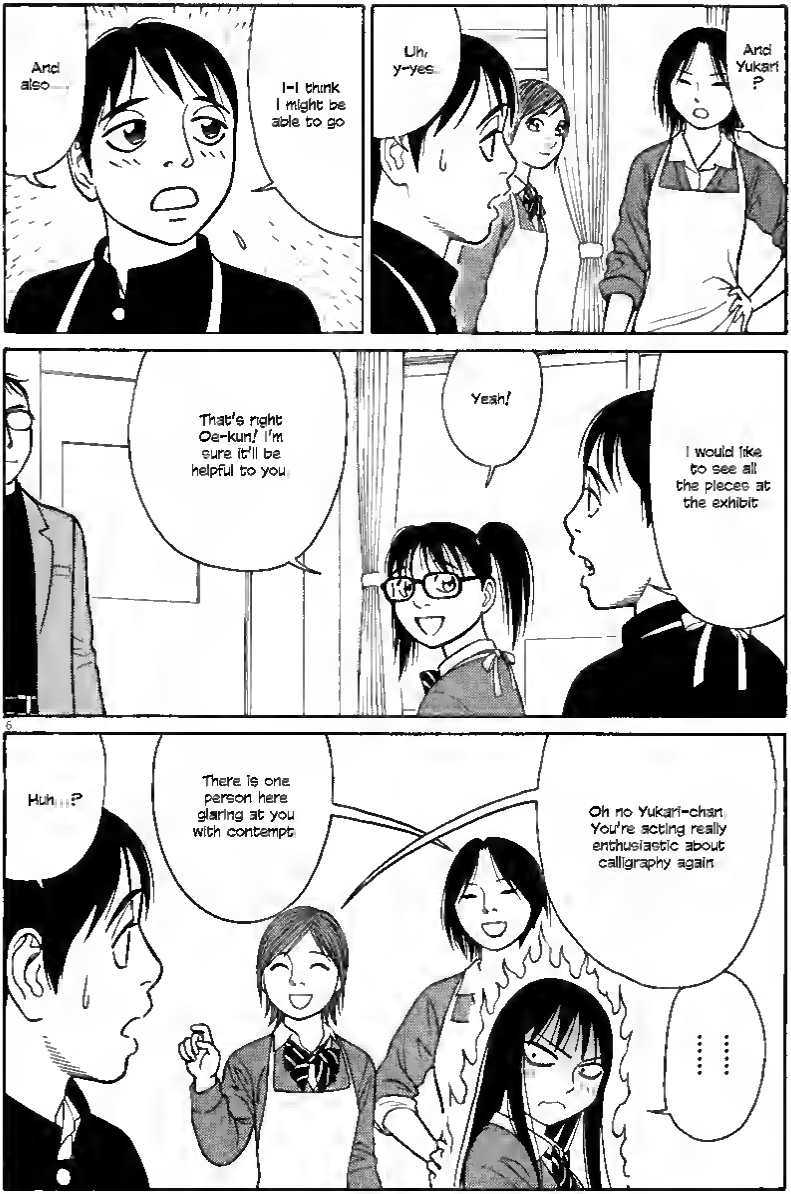
This year's club activities are done as of today, huh?
Yup tomorrow is the closing ceremony.
Mochizuki even if you're done with calligraphy club stuff you'll be busy with judo right?


Yeah, that's right...
I was told that other than December 31st and January 1st, we'll be doing practice everyday outside of those two days
Yikes that sucks

I definitely don't want to practice until the end of the year, then starting up right after in the new year.
I'll probably ditch--
Yeah, ditch practice! Ditch it!
HEY!


Don't drag your under-classmen down the evil path!
By the way what are you guys doing about the "Koshien of calligraphy"?
The exhibit is in early February next year. Are you guys planning on going?

Wow! That's the first time you've ever said anything like a treasurer.
With the remainder of this year's club budget, there isn't enough for the travel expenses of five people.
Osaka? That's far--
Yeah, yeah I figured you'd say that.
Then I'm going--
Huh, then Hino-chan is going?
That said, Hino is part of the awards ceremony.
Since she won the workmanship award.
If I use all my New Year's gift money, I think I could easily make it.
Well let's see, since it's in February...
What are the two first years going to do?
Oh well there's no helping it. I guess we'll pay our own way?


Arci also...
I-I think I might be able to go
Uh, y-yes.
Arci Yukari ?
That's right Oe-kun! I'm sure it'll be helpful to you.
Yeah!
I would like to see all the pieces at the exhibit
Huh...?
There is one person here glaring at you with contempt.
Oh no Yukari-chan. You're acting really enthusiastic about calligraphy again.
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The second term is over--
And then--
山上書店
I'll have to get a job over Winter break again...
I don't have any of money left from when I was working over the Summer...
Round trip is more than 20,000 yen...
One way fare from Odawara to Shinosaka, with student discount is 10,290 yen
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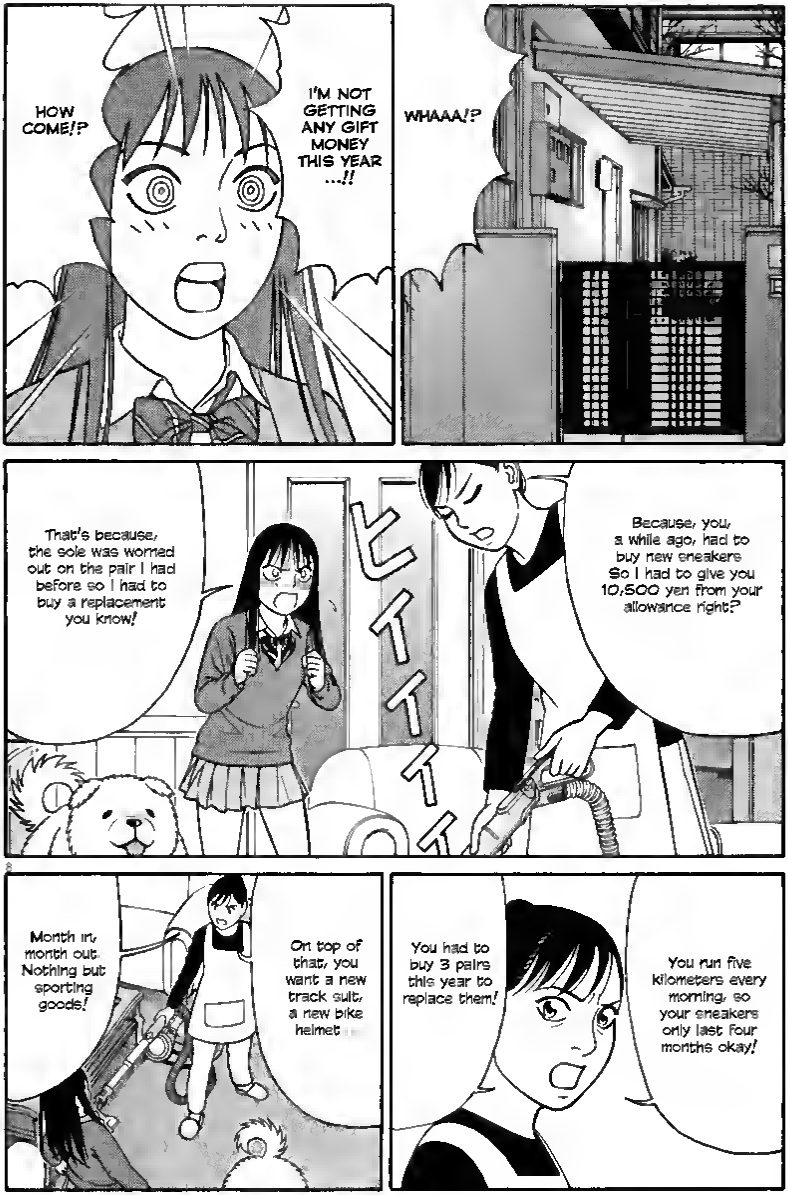
HOW COME!?
I'M NOT GETTING ANY GIFT MONEY THIS YEAR ...!!
WHAAA!?
That's because, the sole was worned out on the pair I had before so I had to buy a replacement you know!
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Because, you, a while ago, had to buy new sneakers So I had to give you 10,500 yen from your allowance right?
Month in, month out. Nothing but sporting goods!
On top of that, you want a new track suit, a new bike helmet
You had to buy 3 pairs this year to replace them!
You run five kilometers every morning, so your sneakers only last four months okay!

Just so you know, every month you're buying sporting goods that cost more than 10,000 yen.
ゴオオ…
And you want gift money on top of that? We're not giving you any this year. You're going to have to count on your grandparents.
Whaaa! That's going to be a problem.
How so?
Well there was talk of going to Osaka with my calligraphy club next year in February.
Osaka?
We're going to the "Koshien of calligraphy".
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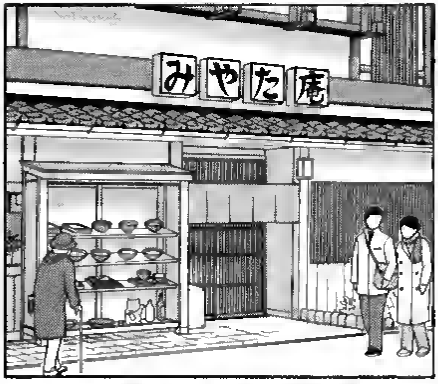
Then get a job?
You're so strict--!
Everyone from the club is going.
So we need travel expenses!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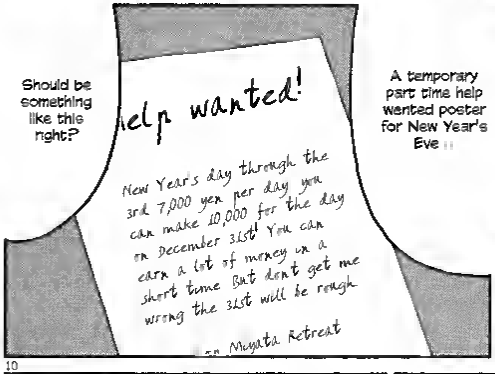
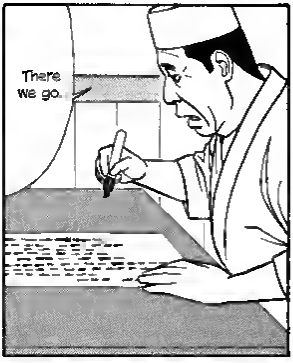

Should be something like this right?
Help wanted!
New Year's day through the 3rd 7,000 yen per day you can make 10,000 for the day on December 31st! You can earn a lot of money in a short time But don't get me wrong the 31st will be rough
...on Miyata Retreat
A temporary part time help wanted poster for New Year's Eve..


There we go.

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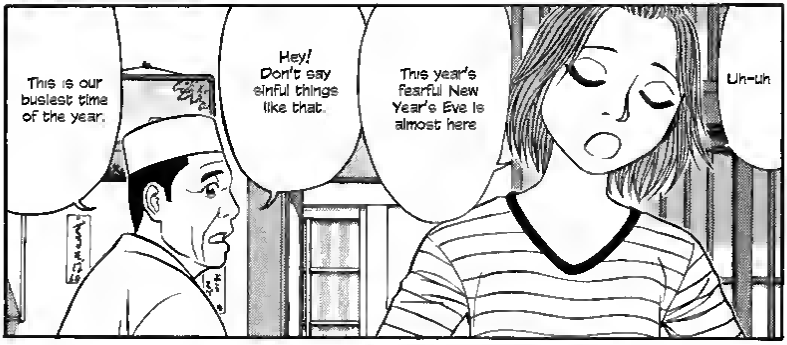
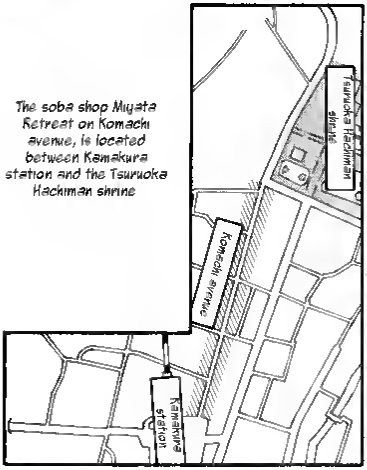
I still don't want to
You should get better with your calligraphy and write this sort of thing smoothly

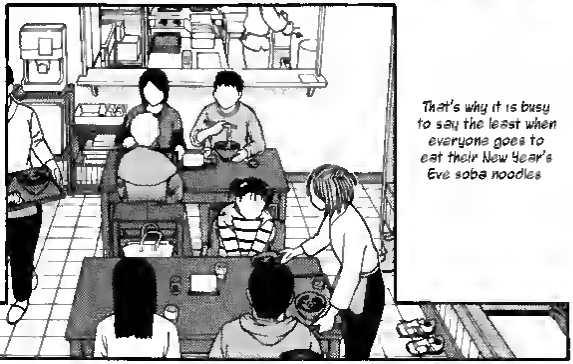
I suppose that if a soba shop poster is done in pen, it just doesn't look good enough..
It's fine okay?


This is our busiest time of the year.
Hey! Don't say sinful things like that.
This year's fearful New Year's Eve is almost here
Uh-uh



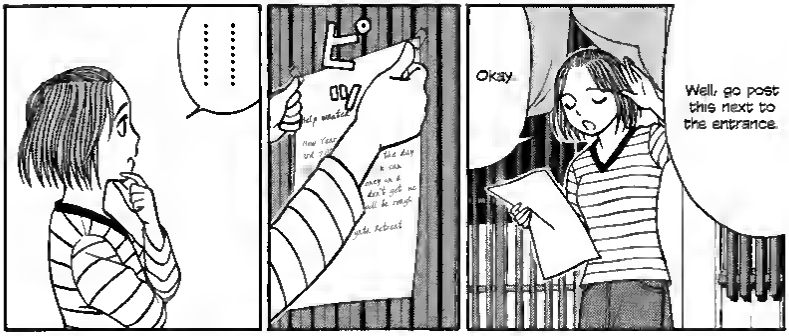
The soba shop Miyata Retreat on Komachi avenue, is located between Kamakura station and the Tsuruoka Hachiman shrine

The Tsuruoka Hachiman shrine in Kamakura is said to get more than 2 million New Year shrine visitors. It is Kanto's leading spot for the first shrine visit of the New Year



It is full of New Year's Eve shrine visitors. Takeout orders come close to 50 for the day. It truly is hectic

That's why it is busy to say the least when everyone goes to eat their New Year's Eve soba noodles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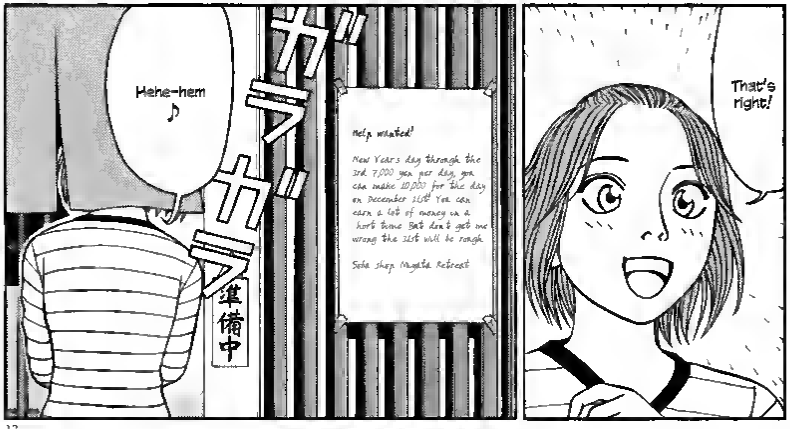
Okay
Well, go post this next to the entrance.


Hehe-hem ♪
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準備中
Help wanted!
New Year's day through the 3rd 7,000 yen per day, you can make 10,000 for the day on December 15th! You can earn a lot of money in a short time! But don't get one wrong the 15th will be rough.
Soba shop Hagaka Retreat
That's right!

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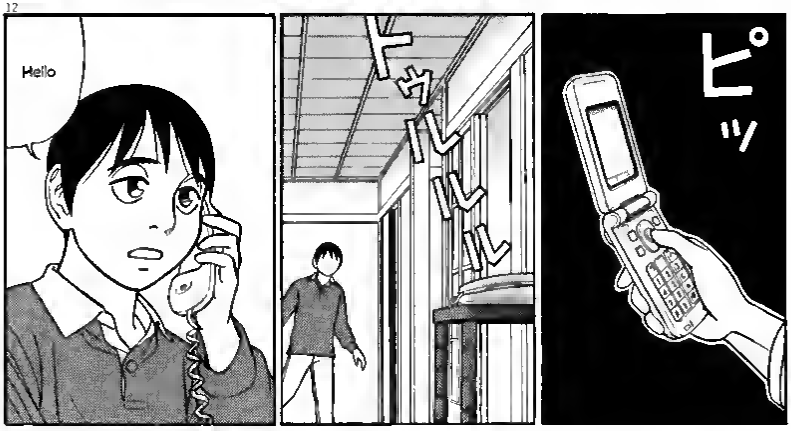
Hello
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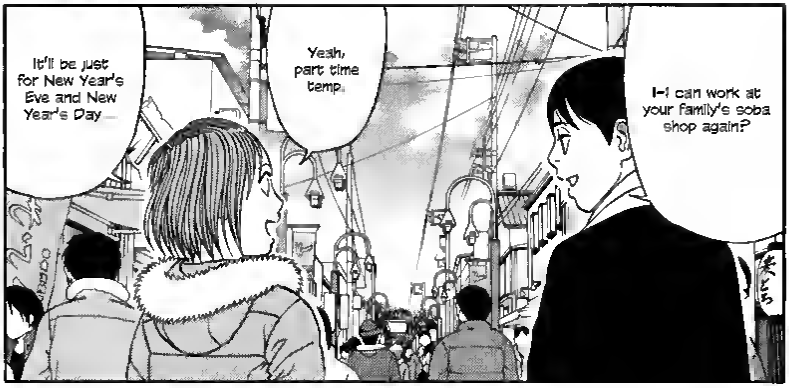
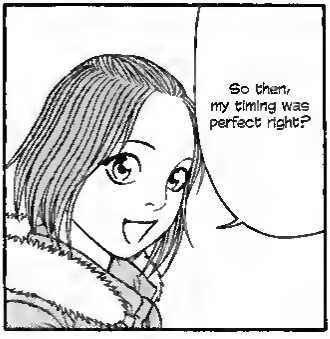
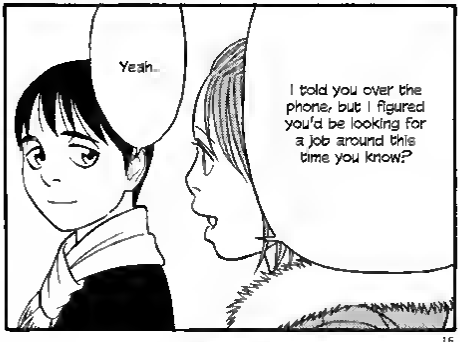
Uh, on New Year's Eve?
Yes. Yes.
Lucky! He's the one who picked up!
Ah, Oe-kun? It's me, Miyata!
But there's no way I'll just conveniently find something though
There's no point staying at home, so I came all the way to Kamakura to look for a job

Ugh, Mochizuki!!
!
Hm?
After all, I have judo practice every morning until the thirtieth of December...
Kamo-senpai!
What are you doing dressed up in that outfit?
Tch, so I've been spotted huh?
It's my job, I'm selling Christmas cakes!
Huh? You're looking for a job?
And on top of that, it has to be a short term part time?
No way I'll find something like that right?
What?
W-Where did you see it?
Nope... is what I'd like to say...
But actually, I've seen one like that


I-I can work at your family's soba shop again?
Yeah, part time temp.
It'll be just for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day...


So then, my timing was perfect right?


I told you over the phone, but I figured you'd be looking for a job around this time you know?
Yeah...

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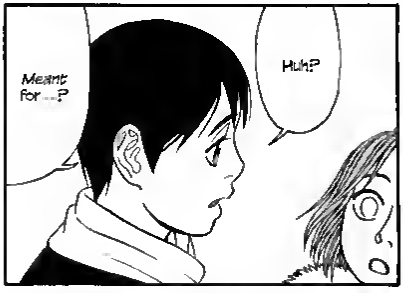
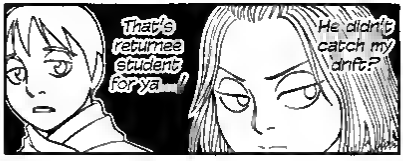

Huh?
Meant for...?


He didn't catch my drift?
That's returnee student for ya...!

Y-Yes that's right I was surprised when you called me
That means it was meant for you then?

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I'm home--
Huh?
Oh? Welcome back Mai.
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Mo-Mo-Mochizuki-san?
H-Huh?
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Oe-kun?
Oh?

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